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1. REFTEL JUST RECEIVED, BUT INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN DOES NOT SQUARE WITH ARRANGEMENTS EMBASSY AGREED UPON WITH ADVANCE MEN BRIGGS AND SENTMAN. WHILE EMBASSY PLEASED BE OF ALL FEASIBLE ASSISTANCE TO MID AMERICA TRADE GROUP, DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT JWG ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT AND ON S&T ARE SCHEDULED BE HELD IN CAIRO CONCURRENTLY AND WILL HEAVILY ENGAGE CAIRO'S SMALL STAFF.

2. IN TALKING WITH BRIGGS AND SENTMAN, WE AGREED THE EMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE BRIEFING AND THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH SENIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WOULD BE ARRANGED BY MID AMERICA ADVANCE MEN. SENTMAN TALKED WITH TAHER AMIN, WHO ASSURED HIM THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD ASSUME CHARGE OF SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MIN. SINCE SUCH GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS INVARIABLY REQUIRE CLOSE FOLLOW UP, WE SUGGESTED TO BRIGGS AND SENTMAN THAT ADVANCE MEN SHOULD RETURN TO CAIRO A WEEK, NOT JUST 48 HOURS, BEFORE MAIN GROUP ARRIVES. BOTH SENTMENT AND BRIGGS INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF NEED FOR SUFFICIENT ADVANCE TIME.

3. WHILE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS IS THEREFORE UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN MID AMERICAN ADVANCE MEN AND GOE, WE ARE PREPARED

OFFER ALL FEASIBLE HELP. SO FAR AS WE CAN TELL, AMIN'S AGENCY HAS NOT YET DONE ANY SPECIFIC SCHEDULING. HE HIMSELF IS ABROAD IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL OCTOBER 25. DCM AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH HIM ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL URGE HIM FOCUS ON SETTING UP NEEDED SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS SOONEST.

4. AMBASSADOR WILL BRIEF GROUP AT 0900, NOVEMBER 2. MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WILL PRESUMABLY BE SCHEDULED AFTERWARDS.

5. AS PROMISED, EMBASSY IS DRAWING UP A GUEST LIST FOR PROPOSED EVENING RECEPTION AND IS ALSO ARRANGING TO HAVE INVITATIONS PRINTED AND ADDRESSED. SINCE WE HAVE COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM FROM BRIGGS STATING MID AMERICA GROUP WILL REIMBURSE EMBASSY FOR ANY EXPENSES, ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR LAYING OUT OFFICIAL FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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